

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved on a motion by Jerry Kent and seconded by Warren Norris with one correction. Kevin Spilman was absent from the October meeting. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR

Mary Ann Bridges, County Assessor informed the council that PTABOA board of review was being restructured. It is the County Council's obligation to appoint a level 2 or 3 assessor to this board. Bridges explained that the only level 2 or 3 assessors are employed by her office so she recommended Sharon Halcomb, the Franklin County Assessor to serve on the PTABOA board. Marvin Hedrick moved to appoint Sharon Halcomb to be paid at the part time rate. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton was granted approval for an additional appropriation for \$120,000.00 in the Highway fund on a motion by Marvin Hedrick and a second by Jerry Kent. Motion carried.

MAYOR

Mayor Mike Pavey presented a Community Readiness Index Program sponsored by Ball State University. The County has the opportunity to partner with the city for this assessment and share the \$15,000 fee.

Pavey invited the Council to attend the city's long range planning session on November 25th.

IT

IT director Randy Herbert requested the following budget transfers: 1-30-4-1 to 1-30-3-4 in the amount of \$3,500. Motion by Jerry Kent and seconded by Kevin Spilman. The second transfer in the amount of \$1,481.88 from 1-30-4-1 to 1-30-3-6 was approved on a motion by Charles Smith with Warren Norris seconding the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested permission to transfer items as needed to meet budget demands. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve the request. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RUSH/ SHELBY ENERGY BUILDING

The committee members who studied the purchase of the RSE recommended the adoption of the following Resolution to proceed. Jerry Kent moved to sign the document. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried with Charles Smith abstaining.

WIND FARMS

Mary Soliday, legal counsel for Next Era Energy described Whitewater Wind Project LLC. Soliday explained that Next Era will be investing 82 million dollars to erect 20-25 wind turbines in eastern Rush County. Documents are being drafted for an economic development agreement, a road use agreement, and a decommissioning agreement. The first step in attaining the requested tax abatement is to approve a Preliminary Resolution. Jerry Kent moved to approve the following resolution. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A public hearing will be conducted on December 10th with both the county council and commissioners in attendance to address the abatement request.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 38 inmates are currently housed at the jail. The Sheriff asked to use \$3,200 from the commissary fund for the annual awards banquet. Warren Norris moved to approve. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Sheriff stated that he needs to move money to cover expenditures in his budget. Warren Norris moved to allow the Sheriff to proceed. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

John Mull was reappointed to the Alcoholic Beverage Board on a motion by Jerry Kent and seconded by Kevin Spilman. Ron Jarman was reappointed to the Fiber Board on a motion by Charles Smith and Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Louise Starkey was also reappointed to the Rushville Public Library Board. Marvin Hedrick made the motion for the appointment. Charles Smith seconded the motion.

Three applications, Cindy Harcourt, Ron Jarman, and Dennis Corn were received for the Rush Memorial Hospital Board appointment. Warren Norris moved to appoint Mr. Corn to the RMH board. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Jerry Kent. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor